

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

B-09-CR-1005

VS.

August 26, 2009  
Brownsville, Texas  
9:18 a.m.

GERONIMO SALVADOR SANTOS-NUEZ  
Defendant

ARRAIGNMENT

BEFORE THE HONORABLE FELIX RECIO  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 (Proceedings through Interpreter.)

2 THE COURT: All right. Let's have B-09-994, Jesus  
3 Ramirez-Diaz.

4 Sally, would you call housekeeping? It's very  
5 hot to me in here today.

6 Also, let me have B-09-1005, Geronimo Salvador  
7 Santos-Nuez. Those are the only two you have, Mr. Rodriguez?

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: They are, Your Honor.

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10 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Santos,  
11 since the last time the two of you were in Court have you had  
12 any mental problems or disorders of any kind?

13 Mr. Ramirez?

14 DEFENDANT RAMIREZ-DIAZ: No.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Santos?

16 DEFENDANT SANTOS-NUEZ: No.

17 THE COURT: Are either of you taking any medications  
18 at this time?

19 Mr. Ramirez?

20 DEFENDANT RAMIREZ-DIAZ: No.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Salvador?

22 DEFENDANT SANTOS-NUEZ: Yes. I'm taking medication,  
23 but it does not affect my mind.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Have the two of you seen or have  
25 you received copies of the charges that were filed against

1 you?

2 Mr. Ramirez?

3 DEFENDANT RAMIREZ-DIAZ: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Santos?

5 DEFENDANT SANTOS-NUEZ: Yes.

6 THE COURT: And have you discussed those charges,  
7 with - did I already ask that question?

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Did you discuss those charges with your  
10 attorney?  
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12 Mr. Ramirez?

13 DEFENDANT RAMIREZ-DIAZ: Yes.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Santos?

15 DEFENDANT SANTOS-NUEZ: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Do each of you understand the charges  
17 that were filed against you?

18 Mr. Ramirez?

19 DEFENDANT RAMIREZ-DIAZ: Yes.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Santos?

21 DEFENDANT SANTOS-NUEZ: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Rodriguez, are you satisfied that  
23 your clients, Ramirez and Santos, are both competent and able  
24 to assist you in their defense?  
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MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Would you like me to read the charges  
2 against each one of you?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We'll waive the reading in both cases  
4 and enter a plea of not guilty in both cases, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Attorneys, I am going to give you your  
6 scheduling order. Attorneys will file their motions by  
7 September 4, 2009, and will respond to those motions by  
8 September 11. We'll conduct hearings on those motions  
9 September 17 at one-thirty in the afternoon. Final pretrial  
10 is scheduled for September 29 at one-thirty in the afternoon.  
11 And jury selection is scheduled for October 1, 2009, at nine  
12 o'clock in the morning.  
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14 We'll send you copies electronically.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: May I be excused, Your Honor?

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 (Proceedings concluded at 9:20 a.m.)  
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